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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING THE NOVEL HUMAN

PHOSPHATASE, RET31, AND VARIANTS THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 WITH AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official action dated July 14, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks for the captioned application, without prejudice. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of three months, up to and including January 14, 2005, accompanied by the appropriate fee; a marked copy of a Substitute Specification, in addition to a clean copy thereof; a copy of ATCC Deposit Receipt for ATCC Deposit No. PTA-3949; and Exhibits A, B, and C.

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